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PROJECT RENEWAL

1. Current Objectives

a. The progress of Project AEDEPOT in training agent cadres and slotting them against target complexes is advancing satisfactorily. Potential agent candidates are constantly being screened and processed, under strict security measures, to determine their adaptability and suitability for the Project. Moreover, such screening is conducted with the aim of satisfying the most urgent of the outstanding requirements. The current anticipated results are indicated in paragraph 4.

b. The immediate objectives for Fiscal Year 1962 are those of satisfying the RE requirements for trained agent personnel. At the present moment it is confidently hoped that their requirement of 15 agents will be reached in the two training courses to be held (August 1961 and February 1962).

c. The secondary, but no less important, objective is that of selecting and recruiting agents who can be logically slotted against the CINCAL and CINOPAC target requirements. It is anticipated that this will be partially realized during the forthcoming fiscal year. Furthermore, it is expected that the selection and requirement of agent personnel for RE target requirements will commence, on a more active scale, during Fiscal Year 1962.

2. Changes

a. There have been two notable changes in the Project. Through agreement entered into between SR Division and RE and NE Divisions, the former, with the concurrence and approval of DDP, has formally accepted the "hot war" training programs of these divisions and has integrated them into the AEDEPOT Project.

b. Another change which has taken place in the AEDEPOT Project has been the reevaluation of the target requirements by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. As of this date the (SR) target requirements are as follows:

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| CINCEUR | 27 |
| CINCAL | 15 |
| CINOPAC | 5 |

3. Intelligence Production

Project AEDEPOT, being primarily a holding project, has not attempted to produce any positive intelligence reports.

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4. Effectiveness

a. Previously, the question of effectiveness has been one of conjecture based on probable courses of action. During calendar year 1960, however, the opportunity presented itself for determining the potential effectiveness of Project ARDEPOT agent personnel. Selected reservists, at the behest of WH Division, were contacted and "recruited" for participation in the JMATE Program. The response by the graduates showed their extreme loyalty to the tenets of Project ARDEPOT. These graduates proved their effectiveness--and thereby demonstrated the value and capabilities of the Project--by training JMATE trainees in UW activities.

b. Another method by which the effectiveness of the ARDEPOT Project may be judged is that of showing the continuing growth of agent cadres. The following represents an ethnic breakdown of the assets:

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| Armenian | 1 |
| Azerbaijani | 1 * |
| Belorussian | 4 ** |
| Estonian | 5 |
| Georgian | 1 |
| Kabardin | 1 |
| Kalmyk | 5 |
| Latvian | 9 |
| Lithuanian | 8 |
| Russian | 9 |
| Ukrainians | <u>17</u> |
| Total | 61 |

EE Assets

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| Albanian | <u>1</u> |
| Total | 1 |

NE Assets

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| Syrian | <u>1</u> |
| Total | 1 |

Note: * An asset which can readily be used in the Near East.
** Includes an asset which can be used in Eastern Europe.

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Thus of the SN requirements (47 targets @ 3 men per target = 141), each target can be covered by at least one individual. It may also be stated that the personnel requirement (141) will be more than 60% fulfilled by the end of Fiscal Year 1962.

5. Problems

There were no significant problems which were not effectively resolved on the local (project) level.

6. Liaison

The Project has no liaison with other governments, intelligence or security services.

7. Interagency Coordination

Liaison and coordination of necessary activities pertaining to the Project is maintained with other U. S. Government Agencies through appropriate CIA offices. This is effected on an ad hoc basis with ACSI, individual Army commands, Department of Interior, Immigration and Naturalization Service, etc. The coordination with ACSI, in particular, has been invaluable in furthering and facilitating the preliminary recruitment phases of the Project. Also of extreme importance has been the backstopping provided by the Department of Army to various aspects of the Project.

8. Plans

Project AEDEPOT stands ready to commit its graduate agents in support of UW training to be administered to friendly forces or nations combatting the inroads of communism. There are no outstanding limitations which may affect conduct of the Project; to the contrary, with the emphasis placed by the President of the United States on the expansion and perfection of GLW capabilities, it may reasonably be expected that the role of Project AEDEPOT will be increased and its importance strengthened.

9. a. For the Past Period

(1) Itemized Costs

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Salaries including taxes | \$55,804.72 |
| Travel | 14,574.35 |
| Building maintenance | 1,000.00 |
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| | \$71,379.07 |

(2) Estimated case officer time and other support given the Project

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| 2 Project Officers, | full time |
| 4 Recruiters | full time |
| Medical | as required |
| Training Staff | as required |
| Communications Personnel | " " |

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b. Costs for the ensuing period (1 July 1961 through 30 June 1962)

(1) Salaries of Agents

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| (a) 26 Agents @ \$500 per month for a period of 4 months | \$52,000.00 |
| (b) 50 Agents (Class I-VIII) reserve training @ \$250 per 2-week period | <u>12,500.00</u> |
| Total Salary | \$64,500.00 |

(2) Travel

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|---|-----------------|
| (a) 26 Agents @ \$125 per round trip | 3,250.00 |
| (b) 50 Agents @ \$125 per round trip for reserve training | 6,250.00 |
| (c) Emergency travel | <u>1,000.00</u> |
| Total Travel | 10,500.00 |

(3) Holding Costs

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| (a) 50 Agents (Classes I-VII) @ \$50 per quarter | 10,000.00 |
| (b) 9 Agents (Class VIII) @ \$50 per quarter (1/2 year) | <u>900.00</u> |
| Total Costs | 10,900.00 |

(4) Resettlement

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| 2 Agents @ one month's salary, average salary of \$500 per | 1,000.00 |
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(5) Communications

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| 26 Instructographs for graduates @ \$41.23, approx. | 1,100.00 |
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(6) Miscellaneous

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| Military and Agency aircraft @ \$110 per hour for 15 hours | <u>1,650.00</u> |
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TOTAL \$89,650.00

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10. Annexes

The effectiveness of equipment and services provided by TSD and DES (OC) has been outstanding.

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